

Common physical and astronomical constants

Speed of light in a vacuum, c :	$3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Planck's constant, h :	$6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Universal gravitational constant, G :	$6.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$
Permittivity of the vacuum, ϵ_0 :	$8.8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$
Permeability of the vacuum, μ_0 :	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$ (or N A^{-2})
Electron rest mass, m_e :	$9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Proton rest mass, m_p :	$1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Electron charge, e :	$1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Boltzmann's constant, k :	$1.4 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
Stefan's constant, σ :	$5.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ J m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-4}$
Avogadro's number, N_A :	$6.0 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Molar gas constant, R :	$8.3 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Volume occupied by 1 mole of gas at STP:	22.4 litres
Mass density of water:	1 kg litre^{-1}
	(Note: 1 litre = 0.001 m^3)
Mass of the Sun, M_\odot :	$2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$
Radius of the Sun, R_\odot :	$7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$
Luminosity of the Sun, L_\odot :	$3.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$
Mass of the Earth, M_E :	$6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
Radius of the Earth, R_E :	6400 km
Mean radius of Earth's orbit around Sun:	$1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$
Acceleration due to gravity on Earth's surface, g :	9.8 m s^{-2}
Length of the tropical year:	$3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$